



February 17, 2009

The Honorable Frank LoBiondo
United States House of Representatives
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman LoBiondo:

On behalf of Rowan University, please accept my gratitude for your work to strengthen the educational institutions and resources in southern New Jersey.

I am writing today to respectfully request your assistance in securing federal appropriations to support our priority initiative for Fiscal Year 2010, a new initiative involving research, development, evaluation and commercialization of algae-to-ethanol production in southern New Jersey.

The algae-to-ethanol project is consistent with our national and regional priorities in education and economic development, including fostering a high-technology economy and enhancing our energy independence. Most importantly, it will lead to very real improvements in economic opportunity and job growth for the people of New Jersey.

As requested, we are transmitting the appropriate details and forms for these initiatives electronically. Please let me know if you need additional information or have any questions. We are mindful of the very difficult budgetary environment and the many requests you receive for assistance, and we appreciate your careful consideration of Rowan University's requests.

As always, we welcome you to campus to see firsthand all that Rowan is doing to enhance education and both academic and economic opportunity in southern New Jersey. Thank you again for all of your support in the past, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with you.

Sincerely,

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